

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A signal monitoring apparatus and method involving
devices for monitoring signals representing communications
traffic, devices for identifying at least one predetermined
parameter by analyzing the context of the at least one
monitoring signal, a device for recording the occurrence of
the identified parameter, a device for identifying the traffic
stream associated with the identified parameter, a device for
analyzing the recorded data relating to the occurrence, and a
device, responsive to the analysis of the recorded data, for
10 controlling the handling of communications traffic within the
apparatus.